



1932 Round 5 Saturday 11th June Sydney Sports Ground



Eastern Suburbs 24

def.

Western Suburbs 13

Billy HONG
Morrie BOYLE
Dave BROWN (c)
Jack LYNCH
George SHANKLAND
Ernie NORMAN
Viv THICKNESSE
Les ROGERS
Joe PEARCE
Max NIXON
Perc ATKINSON
Dick BROWN
Ray STEHR

Fullback
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Five-eighth
Half
Lock
Second Row
Second Row
Front Row
Hooker
Front Row

Frank McMILLAN
Alan BRADY
Ken SHERWOOD
Cliff PEARCE
Ray MORRIS
Jack McGLINN
Les MEAD
Bill RYAN
Frank SPILLANE
Charlie CORNWELL
Bill BROGAN (c)
Bob LINDFIELD
Cecil RHODES



Tries

Morrie BOYLE
Dave BROWN
Jack LYNCH
Joe PEARCE
Ernie NORMAN
Ray STEHR

Alan RIDLEY (3)

Goals

Jack LYNCH (2)
George SHANKLAND (1)

Les MEAD (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: R Morris, C Pearce, K Sherwood, A Ridley; halves: L Mead, J McGlinn; forwards: W Ryan, F Spillane, C Cornwell, C Rhodes, R Lindfield, W Brogan (capt)

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: W Hong; three-quarters: G Shankland, D Brown, J Lynch, M Boyle; halves: E Norman, V Thicknesse; forwards: L Rogers, M Nixon, S Pearce, P Atkinson, R Brown, R Stehr **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News June 18th 1932)**

Eastern Suburbs which had led by 11 points to three at half time, won mainly because of superior speed and the ability to make the most of opportunities in defence and in attack speed was a most important factor. Western Suburbs made a good recovery in the second half doing nearly all the attacking during the last 20 minutes but although a couple of tries were scored others were missed because of faulty handling and passing. The winners scored six tries to three but the last of the six followed a forward pass which Referee Deane missed. Norman well served by Thicknesse played a star game at five eighth and with D Brown made several great dashes. Lynch gave a superb exhibition in the centre. His handling and passing were perfectly executed and when Boyle scored in the first half the try followed a brilliant piece of work by Lynch who took the ball from Norman and passed out to Boyle in almost the same action. Shankland who took the place of Tottey on the right wing showed promise although Ridley's three tries for Western Suburbs were scored on his wing. ... Norman was stopped near the goal line but S Pearce secured after the ball had been played and forced his way across for Lynch to convert. A period of close hard play followed the Eastern Suburbs backs often stopping their bigger rivals when they appeared dangerous but a splendid run by the lock forward, Ryan, after a scrum in East territory resulted in a try near the left wing by Ridley who took Ryan's pass and scored with Norman clinging to him, Ryan missing the goal. Keen, following on, gave Eastern Suburbs the next try for after McMillan had gathered splendidly. He was tackled by Shankland and the ball rolled from his hands over the goal line, Stehr dropping upon it, Lynch missed an easy goal. Then came a perfect try. Norman burst through after scrum and sent to Lynch to Boyle who crossed well out. Half time came with Eastern Suburbs ahead by 11 points to three having shown much more impressive football than Western Suburbs.

Eastern Suburbs at one stage in the second half had a lead of 24 to three. ... C Pearce who soon made amends by beating two defenders and sending Ridley across, and McMillan made heroic efforts and Brogan and Cornwell were often prominent. Chances were missed and Morris was repeatedly stopped but Cornwell went well before Ridley scored his third try running around behind the posts. On another occasion ... Wests finished full of fight but on the day Easts were the better team, forwards and backs showing more dash and certainty in their passing efforts. The hooker R Brown did well to share honours with Lindfield in the scrums. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 13th June 1932)**

Notes: Although quite a scrappy game there was still some fast, exciting open play. McGlinn had an off-day and was completely outplayed by Thicknesse. Wests completely dominated in the last twenty minutes but had given too big a break. Bill Ryan was back, replacing Bert Green. The problem for Wests was highlighted in Rugby League News which detailed how Frank Matterson, Bert Green, Jack Kelly, Cecil Anderton, W Willis, J McConnell, Laurie Roberts. Les Midson and J Horder had all suddenly left for the country. All of them were looking for work due to the Depression. Wests particularly missed "Dutchy" Matterson who was working on a North Coast farm.